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CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

SENT VIA U.S. MAIL AND E-MAIL:

December 14, 2018

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Dear Governor Brown and Governor-Elect Newsom:

Today, my office received a letter from the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) accepting responsibility for the delayed transmission of the voter registration records of 589 individuals who had registered to vote prior to the close of registration for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

It is my top priority to protect the right for all eligible Californians to be able to register and vote. It is the responsibility of DMV to ensure that the data collected through Motor Voter is transmitted accurately and timely, as is required by law. This is now the fourth egregious error DMV has committed since the launch of Motor Voter earlier this year, and this latest error could have potentially disenfranchised eligible California citizens.

The Director of DMV has lost my confidence and trust. I urge you to promptly appoint new leadership at the DMV.

While the number of potentially affected individuals resulting from DMV's error would not have changed the results of any contests certified by my office, I am committed to ensuring every eligible voter has their ballot counted properly.

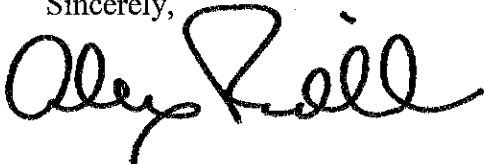
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Accordingly, my office will conduct a thorough review of each of the 589 records to:

- determine whether these eligible individuals attempted to cast a provisional ballot;
- determine whether or not any of the provisional ballots cast by these individuals were rejected;
- work with counties to take any appropriate steps to count affected ballots;
- and reach out to affected individuals.

If you have any questions or need any clarification to this request, please contact me directly at (916) 695-1644.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Padilla". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alex" and last name "Padilla" clearly distinguishable.

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California Secretary of State